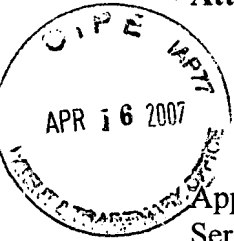


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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 16, 2006, in the above-identified application.

Reconsideration is requested.

An extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination, with appropriate fees, are being filed concurrently.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks.